

Mrs. M. W. Chapman to S. May, Jr.

Dear Mr. May,

I copy the following  
from his Hartmann's letter to myself, dated  
Amherst, July 7<sup>th</sup> /58

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" —

We must undertake the

very grave subject of the Armed Slave-Trade, —

Making prominent the American Situation,

the effect of Slavery & of the United States on this  
Trade at the present moment. You will

at say 6<sup>th</sup> of the Daily news see my treatment

of the Scuffle at Monrovia which, people would

say grandly just at this time ~~had~~; & you

will rejoice with me that you will yourself to

vigorously to get those old Standard ~~news~~ sent to me

which contain the accounts of Liberia up to

1854. Are there any more? Can you send

me immediately any more exposures — any

facts about Liberia or the Col. Soc. More

news than 54? any facts about Slaving

from Am. ports? or the wickedness of the

Cooke Trade? It is of the utmost import

tance to show the degree & kind of Slave-holding

that has gone on from American  
ports. I must write in August.  
My friend, we have never had such  
an opportunity before. —  
It is now announced that a pamphlet from  
Louis Nat. is looked for in Paris, about the  
Regina Case: So you see what an opportunity  
there is for exploding the whole Liberian  
matter. — — I feel that I have got  
Scot of a grand Injustice: — that your Slave-  
holders are making a slave-market of Liberia  
by an understanding with the French, who boast  
of the benefit of obtaining free American Negroes  
for Martinique, 400 of these being supplied by  
a certain day, & immediately shipped on  
board. "

Now is not this the work of  
the Am Soc? The world's ear is open.  
Parliament in England calls for facts.  
There is going Lang & <sup>Chester</sup> Alderman another.  
Get Mr Lowell a Mr Quincy or Mr  
Phillips to examine them, & furnish a

Series of Questions to be put to them,  
elucidating the points which the whole  
Reform Case matter offers. Mr. Garrison  
has promised to see them. They might put  
their information in the shape of  
a letter to the Standard & Liberator,  
authentically with their signatures, which  
would give them less, & give a greater  
chance of the bush than taking their  
affection at first. Then, if their letters  
involved any thing useful, they might be  
~~asked~~<sup>shown</sup> to offer to it. Mr. Nell, whom  
I begged to see Lang, tells me that he  
the fact that the Reform ~~Case~~ <sup>comes</sup> Progress  
will pass.

{ Snowdon's letter to Nell - can't it be had for  
the Standard?

Hon. B. V. R. James (or Gaines) to come from Liberia.

and the day before the 1st of November  
I am to be married. I have been  
engaged to my beloved wife  
since the 1<sup>st</sup> of October and we are  
to be married on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November.  
I am to be married at the  
Methodist Church in the afternoon  
and the wedding will be  
followed by a reception  
at the home of my  
brother, Mr. John C. Smith,  
in the evening.

John C. Smith